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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1 Claim 1 (currently amended): An acid emulsified 2 mayonnaise-like food comprising an esterified compound 3 composed of a potato starch or a hydrolysate thereof and an 4 alkenylsuccinic acid, an esterified compound composed of waxy cornstarch or a hydrolysate thereof and alkenysuccinic 5 6 acid, [and] a thickening polysaccharide, and edible fat and 7 oil, wherein the content of protein is less than 0.5% by mass, the content of the esterified compounds is 1.2 to 8 9 2.2% by mass, the content of the thickening polysaccharide 10 is 0.3 to 0,7% by mass, and the content of the edible fat 11 and oil is 50 to 75% by mass.
- 1 Claim 2 (currently amended): The acid emulsified
- 2 mayonnaise-like food according to claim 1, further
- 3 comprising an [edible fat and oil,] edible vinegar, salt
- 4 and seasoning.

Claims 3-4 (canceled).

- 1 Claim 5 (previously presented): The acidic emulsified
- 2 mayonnaise-like food according to claim 1, wherein the mass
- 3 ratio of the esterified compound to the thickening
- 4 polysaccharide is from 2:1 to 10:1.

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Claim 6 (canceled).

- 1 (currently amended): The acidic emulsified . 2 mayonnaise like food according to claim 1, wherein the 3 esterified compound [consists of an esterified compound . 4 composed of potato starch or a hydrolysate thereof and an 5 alkenysuccinic acid, and an esterified compound composed of 6 waxy cornstarch or a hydroxlyate thereof and 7 alkenylsuccinic acid and] has a degree of substitution of 8 ester groups from 0.005 to 0.020.
 - 1 Claim 8 (previously presented): The acidic emulsified
 - 2 mayonnaise-like food according to claim 1, wherein the
 - 3 alkenylsuccinic acid is octenylsuccinic acid.
 - 1 Claim 9 (previously presented): The acidic emulsified
 - 2 mayonnaise-like food according to claim 1, wherein the
 - 3 thickening polysaccharide is xanthum gum.

Claim 10 (canceled).